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The Secretary
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Dear Madame Secretary:

It has been reported that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has requested that he be allowed to visit the site of the 9/11 terrorist attacks when he travels to the opening of the United Nations later this month. I believe that Mr. Ahmadinejad has only one motivation for wanting to tour Ground Zero – to mock the nearly 3,000 Americans who were killed on that day.

Mr. Ahmadinejad is the president of a country that is considered one of the world's most egregious state sponsors of terrorism. He is also a Holocaust denier who is committed to the destruction of Israel and fomenting terror and instability in the Middle East and beyond. He has American blood on his hands dating back decades from his alleged participation in the 1983 bombing of the marine barracks in Lebanon, which killed 241 soldiers, and his alleged role in the 1979 embassy hostage crisis. Evidence also links the Iranian regime to the delivery of improvised explosive devises (IED) to Iraq, which have killed countless American soldiers.

Current U.S. treaty obligations require our nation to allow international leaders entry into our country for purposes of the UN, however, the State Department is also authorized to deny a visa to any individual who has committed crimes against America or to expel that individual upon entry to this country. I respectfully urge the State Department to use its authority under the law to prevent Mr. Ahmadinejad from stepping foot in the United States. He is an evil leader who engages in activities that are designed to undermine and destroy the United States, our people and freedoms. His alleged criminal and terrorist activities make him a threat to the safety and security of the American people and he should not have even a moment to enjoy the glory of the United States.

Sincerely,



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